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SUBJ: CONGRESSMAN MORGAN'S INTEREST IN UNGUREANU CLAIM

REF: A. STATE 205586; B. STATE 198423

- 1. EMBASSY AGAIN RAISED SUBJECT OF PROMPT REPLY TO ITS NOTES OF MAY 23 AND JUNE 20, AND ITS THREE ORAL REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ON UNGUREANU CLAIM IN MEETING WITH MFA CONSULAR DIRECTORATE OFFICIAL STELIAN MATEI ON AUGUST 29, 1975.
- 2. MATEI ASSURED CONSOFF THAT ANSWER WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN ONE WEEK BUT THAT EMBASSY MUST UNDERSTAND THAT UNGUREANU CLAIM WAS COMPLICATED CASE AND OTHER ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES LIKE ROMANIA ACADEMY WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSULTED BEFORE ANWER COULD BE PRESENTED TO EMBASSY.
- 3. CONSOFF EMPHASIZED NEED FOR PROMPT ANSWER DUE CONGRESSMAN MORGAN'S INTEREST IN CLAIM AND REQUESTED AT LEAST AN INTERIM REPLY TO EFFECT THAT DEFINITIVE ANSWER WAS BEING PREPARED BY ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT. AFTER SOME PRODDING BY CONSOFF, MATEI PROMISED TO TRANSMIT WRITTEN NOTE TO EMBASSY BY SEPTEMBER 12.
- 4. IF EMBASSY HAS NOT RECEIVED A REPLY BY SEPTEMBER 12, IT WILL RAISE THIS ISSUE AT HIGHER LEVEL AS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL B.
- 5. OUR EXPERIENCE WITH CLAIMS CASES IS, OF COURSE, FAR MORE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OVERALL WE FIND GOR RESPONSIVENESS IN THIS AREA IS GENERALLY COMPARABLE WITH THAT DEMONSTRATED IN OTHER TYPES OF CASES. THERE ARE DELAYS, SOMETIMES LENGTHY ONES SUCH AS WE HAVE EXPERIENCED WITH UNGUREANU CLAIM, BUT EMBASSY BELIEVES GOR SLOWNESS CAN BE AT LEAST PARTIALLY EXPLAINED BY THE GREATER COMPLEXITY OF CLAIMS ISSUES AND NEED FOR COORDINATION AMONG GREATER NUMBER OF ROMANIAN AGENCIES. WE ANTICIPATE THAT OUR EFFORTS TO CLARIFY IMPACT OF DECREE 223 MAY PROVIDE US WITH BETTER BASIS FOR JUDGMENT.

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